GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVE OF METHANE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large reserve of methane and other allied gases have been found underground alongwith river Damodar in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any experimental plant is also running at Talgoria on the bank of Damodar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)& (b):- Yes Sir, the coal seams of major coalfields like Jharia, Bokaro and Karanpura, which lies along the Damodar river in Jharkhand, are expected to have good coalbed methane (CBM) potential. So far, Government has awarded 6 CBM blocks in the state of Jharkhand. The expected CBM reserves is about 424 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) in these blocks. No commercial production has begun from these CBM blocks.

(c) No Sir.

(d) does not arise in view of (c) above.